

The Spoke

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From the Editor's Desk:



Roma Stibravy and Erin
Her plan is to become an environmental lawyer. I served as the designated photographer.

In attendance were an impressive group of UN associated dignitaries,

Thursday of this week, I attended the board meeting of NGO, Sustainability, Inc., at the NYC home of the UN Ambassador of Slovakia, H.E. Michal Mlynar. My granddaughter, Erin Davies is interning at the NGO, and acted as secretary at the meeting.



Me and Amb. of Sri Lanka



A Productive Meeting of NGO Sustainability, Inc's Board including Ambassador H.E. Dr. Rohan Perera, Ambassador of Sri Lanka, H.E. Jan Carlos Mendoza, Ambassador of Costa Rica, and Jeff Mitchell, UN Representative of American Samoa. The three Ambassadors including H.E. Michal Mlynar, agreed to meet, soon, with Elon Musk regarding his proposal to electrify Puerto Rico through the development of a solar grid.

The CEO of Sustainability, Inc., Roma Stibravy, introduced me as a Rotarian, and lauded the work Rotary has done, worldwide, with the Sun Oven, including projects on 5 continents which has and will continue to save a thousands of trees while improving the lives of countless people. I mentioned RI's unique relationship with the UN, including Polio Plus and countless pure water projects worldwide. The meeting was remarkably productive, and the Slovakian meal was outstanding.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Speakers:

10/25/17 Dinner at Chuck's 5:30 pm

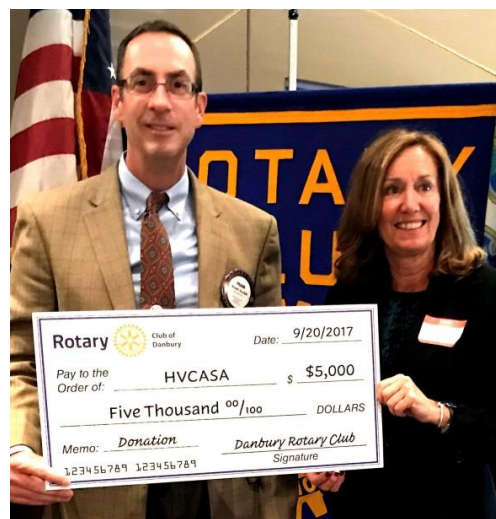
Allison Fulton, of HVCASA, Spoke on the Growing Drug Crisis in America:

Our own Allison Fulton, CEO of HVCASA which is a member of the CT Prevention Network, alerted the club to the growing drug menace in our community. In the last 5 years, overdose deaths due to opioid abuse has skyrocketed, with an increase from 2012 to 2016 of 192% alone. The big surprise is how many middle age people are dying due to drug overdoses. However, Allison insists that the problem is solvable, and treatment is effective. She provided 9 prevention strategies including more public



information, and prescriber education.

So how did this happen? Apparently the discovery of OxyContin was a significant contribution, as well as a belief in the



medical community pain had to be treated more aggressively. Paradoxically, the war in Afghanistan, and increased trade with China and Mexico increased drug smuggling, and the dam seemed to burst.

If you are interested in more information, contact Allison at: 203-743-7746

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Tary's Rotary Minute:

Attendance has always been a concern. On June 22, 1977, 53 members attended our luncheon, but the Spoke lamented, "We still have to work on our attendance." If 53 souls showed up to one of our meetings, today, we would all cheer.



Jason Gregorio Announced the Success of his new (and Danbury Rotary Sponsored) MIS Club at WestConn:

Jason, grandson of Editor Ralph, and brother of Josh, proudly proclaimed that his new founded Management Information Systems Club at WestConn is now one of the largest clubs on campus, and has an impressive group of upcoming speakers. He would appreciate a small donation for coffee and donuts, and a bigger donation, if possible for shirts and caps. We could do that, couldn't we?



Weekly Draw:

Steve Cunningham won the draw but failed to pull the "Big" card. Better luck next time, Steve.



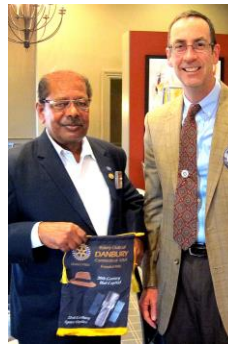
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Guests Excluding SOTM:



(Left to R) Donna Snow, Sharon Gialo, Kathy Hanley and Rtn Kurian Mullappaly, Asst DG in Cannanore, India. Donna and Sharon are probable future members. Kurian talked at length about his club's projects, including rain uniforms for the local police. (Rtm signifies Rotary member).

Service Above Self

Student of the Month, Destiny Cabello:

(Left to R) Vicky Applegreen, Rotary Chair for SOTM, Elizabeth Flores, mother of Destiny, our SOTM Destiny Cabello, and our President, Frank Scahill.

A remarkably successful student at Danbury High, Destiny has her sights on being a heart surgeon. Frank presented her with a check and certificate.

